

A Spotless Rose

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arr. SSSAA
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with easeful movement

p A Spot-less Rose is blow - ing, Sprung from a ten -

p A Spot-less Rose is blow - ing, Sprung from a ten -

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S1a. *mp* der root, Of an-cient seers' for-show - ing, Of Jes-se prom - ised

S1b. *mp* der root, Of an-cient seers' for-show - ing, Of Jes-se prom - ised

S2. *mp* der root, Of an-cient seers' for-show - ing, Of Jes-se prom - ised

A1. *mp* der root, Of an-cient seers' for-show - ing, Of Jes-se prom - ised

A2. *mp* der root, Of an-cient seers' for-show - ing, Of Jes-se prom - ised

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S1a. *mf* fruit; Its fair-est bud un - folds to light A -

S1b. *mf* fruit; Its fair-est bud un - folds to light A -

S2. *mf* fruit; Its fair-est bud un - folds to light A -

A1. *mf* fruit; Its fair-est bud un - folds to light A -

A2. *mf* fruit; Its fair-est bud un - folds to light A -

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S1a. *p* mid the cold, cold win - ter, And in — the dark mid - *rit.*

S1b. *p* mid the cold, cold win - ter, And in — the dark mid -

S2. *p* mid the cold, cold win - ter, And in — the dark mid -

A1. *p* mid the cold, cold win - ter, And in — the dark mid -

A2. *p* mid — cold, win - ter, And in — the dark mid -

14 *a tempo dolce*

S1a. *pp* night. *mf* The Rose wich I am sing - - ing, Where-of I -

S1b. *pp* night. *ppp* A Spot - less Rose _____ is

S2. *pp* night. *ppp* A Spot - less Rose _____ is

A1. *pp* night. *ppp* A Spot - less Rose _____ is

A2. *pp* night. *ppp* A Spot - less Rose _____ is

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S1a. sai - ah said, _____ Is from its sweet root spring - ing in

S1b. blow - ing, Sprung _____ from a

S2. blow - ing, Sprung _____ from a

A1. blow - ing, Sprung _____ from a

A2. blow - ing, Sprung _____ from a

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S1a. Ma - ry, pur - est Maid; For through our God's great

S1b. ten - der root; *pp* Its

S2. ten - der root; *pp* Its

A1. ten - der root; *pp* Its

A2. ten - der root; *pp* Its

24 *espressivo*

S1a. love and might, The bless-ed Babe she bare us In a

S1b. bud un - folds in the dark *dim.*

S2. bud un - folds in the dark *dim.*

A1. bud un - folds in the dark *dim.*

A2. bud un - folds in the dark *dim.*

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rall. *a tempo*

S1a. cold, cold win - ter's night. *f* The Rose wich

S1b. mid - *ppp* night. *f* The Rose wich

S2. mid - *ppp* night. *f* The Rose wich

A1. mid - *ppp* night. *f* The Rose wich

A2. mid - *ppp* night. *f* The Rose wich

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S1a. I am sing - - ing where-of I - sai-ah said, Is

S1b. I am sing - - ing where-of I - sai-ah said, Is

S2. I am sing - - ing where-of I - sai-ah said, Is

A1. I am sing - - ing where-of I - sai-ah said, Is

A2. I am sing - - ing where-of I - sai-ah said, Is

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S1a. from its sweet root spring - ing in Ma-ry, pur - est Maid; *f* For

S1b. from its sweet root spring - ing in Ma-ry, pur - est Maid; *f* For

S2. from its sweet root spring - ing in Ma-ry, pur - est Maid; *f* For

A1. from its sweet root spring - ing in Ma-ry, pur - est Maid; *f* For

A2. from its sweet root spring - ing in Ma-ry, pur - est Maid; *f* For

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S1a. through our God's great love and might. The

S1b. through our God's great love and might. The

S2. through our God's great love and might. The

A1. through our God's great love and might. The

A2. through our God's great love and might. The

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S1a. bless - ed Babe she bare us *p* in a

S1b. bless - ed Babe she bare us *p* in a

S2. bless - ed Babe she bare us *p* in a

A1. Babe she bare us *p* in a

A2. bless - ed Babe she bare us *p* in a

42 *dim. e rit.*

S1a. cold, cold win - ter's night. *pp* *ppp*

S1b. cold, cold win - ter's night. *pp* *ppp*

S2. cold, cold win - ter's night. *pp* *ppp*

A1. cold, cold win - ter's night. *pp* *ppp*

A2. cold, cold win - ter's night. *pp* *ppp*